

Sustainability

These policy questions guided information in this iteration of the context memo:

- What does sustainable management of the Delta mean in a practical sense?
- What actions must be taken to achieve sustainable management of the Delta?
- How do these actions adjust to “drivers of change”, like global climate change?

Institutional Governance Affecting Delta Water Management

These policy questions guided information in this iteration of the context memo:

- How do governing agencies meet their legal mandates regarding specific resources in the context of multiple demands for the same resources?
- How can local, state, regional, and federal law be reconciled to best meet the water management needs of the Delta?
- How can incongruencies in the implementation of laws and regulations as well as planning mechanisms among land use, water and environmental agencies – even at the same level of government – be reconciled to meet the water management needs of the Delta?

Water Supply and Water Quality

These policy questions guided information in this iteration of the context memo:

- Is the statewide significance of water supplies exported to users outside of the Delta great enough to mandate a change in the current operations and methods of export?
- Are the long-term public health needs and economic considerations compatible with continuation of current in-Delta and export water supply operations?
- Are the long-term ecosystem needs of the Delta compatible with continuation of current in-Delta and export water supply operations and methods?
- How should in-Delta water use be addressed in light of the need to manage the Delta ecosystem and water supply exports?